

**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
YOUTH LINK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 10, 2009  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

City Hall  
Room 1E-120  
Bellevue, WA

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Co-chairs Brenda Gurung and Alice Zhang, Boardmembers Juan Esparza<sup>1</sup>, Faisal Jaswal<sup>2</sup>, Rachel Jiang, Farrah Khan, Michelle Mattson-Hamilton<sup>3</sup>, Brian Li, Nancy O'Brien-Abel, Deven Tokuno, Nikolai Zapertov

**BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT:** Boardmembers Mike Murphy, Lt. Dave Sellers (*note: both Boardmember absences were excused*)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Alina, Judi Hagen, Helena Stephens

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 24-Hour Relay Steering Committee, Lindsay Davis, Lance Latimer & Ground Zero Keystone Group, Connie Lim, Daniel Lim, Steven Ludwig, Paul Martin

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Gurung at 6:02 p.m.

Timekeeper: Boardmember Tokuno

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Boardmember O'Brien-Abel and second by Boardmember Tokuno to approved the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Zapertov and second by Boardmember Khan to approve the May 13, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Youth Link Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

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<sup>1</sup> Arrived at 6:21 p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Arrived at 6:12 p.m.

<sup>3</sup> Arrived at 6:27 p.m. (*excused*)

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Graduating senior/Boardmember Tokuno expressed her appreciation for her experiences with Youth Link and distributed a token of appreciation.

**5. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

a. BYC Executive Committee

BYC members reported on the following items:

- There was no BYC meeting due to the 19<sup>th</sup> Community Leadership Awards event.
- Approximately 20 BYC members attended the CLA.
- There was a BYC meeting held on June 3, which was the last business meeting for the school year.
- There will be a BYC end of the year picnic on June 17.
- The “Jub-Hub” Teen Café project received \$500 from the King County Community Organizing grant to support on-going special events and programs.
- There was a make-up Teen Closet event held on June 1. This was due to the Memorial Day holiday in May. There will also be a distribution event on June 29.
- No Youth Link planning meetings will be held in July or August. Meetings will resume in September.
- The Youth Leadership Academy will be held July 20-24.

b. Staff Report

Ms. Stephens reported on the following items:

- There will be a Father’s Day event at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center on June 19.
- A Father’s Day Dance will be held on June 20 at North Bellevue Community Center.
- The Bellevue 24-Hour Relay “Food” Challenge will be held on June 27 at Downtown Park.
- Volunteer opportunities are available for the Symetra Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.
- The Youth Leadership Academy will be held July 20-24.
- The CLA was a great success. The event was well attended and stayed within budget.
- Thank you to Co-chair Gurung for attending the Spring Fling.
- Thank you to Boardmember Jaswal and Bellevue College for hosting the Jeffrey Jordan event.
- Redmond Regional Library is hosting a free Harry Potter movie countdown beginning June 18.

- The City of Redmond Teen Programs is hosting a free outdoor movie series throughout the summer.
- Congratulations to Co-chair Zhang. She has been selected as the Finance Department's summer intern.

**6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

*Tabled until later in the agenda.*

**7. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

Bellevue 24-Hour Relay "Food" Challenge

The Bellevue 24-Hour Relay Steering Committee explained that the 24-Hour Relay is taking on a new challenge. To help meet the unprecedented demand on local food banks, the organizers have decided to change the focus of this year's event. Instead of the usual relay, there will be an all-community food drive.

This year's event is a food drive competition where 10-member teams will use their energy not to run laps, but instead, to collect bags of non-perishable food.

The competition will culminate in an event on Saturday, June 27, where teams will drop off their collected food items at Downtown Park. The food will be weighed and individuals for each participating team can earn community service hours based on the amount of food their team collects.

The 24-Hour Relay Challenge will return in June 2010.

Bellevue Global Health presentation

Daniel and Connie Lim recently attended a presentation by Washington Global Health Alliance that inspired them to form the Bellevue Global Health Alliance. They requested that Youth Link form an Action Team to support the program. Mr. Lim explained that a hot topic will be presented each quarter relating to global health issues. The program will commence in the fall with a speaker discussing malaria.

Boardmember Tokuno suggested that the group contact Overlake Hospital to research partnership opportunities. In addition, Boardmember Jiang suggested investigating partnership opportunities with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research and UW Medicine.

Ms. Stephens clarified that there is no fundraising aspect of Bellevue Global Health, since fundraising cannot be affiliated with Youth Link programs.

Mr. Lim explained that the Action Team is planned to meet one time per month. Board and project team meetings will also be held.

Boardmember O'Brien-Abel cautioned Mr. Lim and Miss Lim about the time commitment involved in scheduling speakers for monthly activities. Boardmember Mattson-Hamilton suggested that the speakers present quarterly, rather than monthly. In addition, Boardmember Khan suggested that Mr. Lim and Miss Lim work with the Washington Global Health Alliance to create a Bellevue branch of the Alliance, rather than a separate entity.

#### Keystone Group presentation

Mr. Latimer and the Ground Zero Keystone Group discussed their current projects, which include the student store and the Music Advisory Group. Some of the Keystone Group members discussed their experiences with Ground Zero. Ground Zero was an original project of the Youth Link Board.

Mr. Latimer explained that the Keystone Group is the leadership program of Ground Zero—it is the teen's voice.

#### Behavior Management Through Snowboarding presentation

Mr. Martin showed a video that described the Snowboard Outreach Society program. The goal of SOS is to teach at-risk youth some of the basic elements of behavior management, social skill development, and incremental achievement through a carefully structured snowboard instruction program. Mr. Martin added that the goal of the snowboarding project is to improve school success by positively affecting social and academic skills.

There were approximately 250 Puget Sound area youth that participated in the program. Mr. Martin noted that approximately 48 of these students were from Robinswood High School.

Mr. Ludwig participated in the 2008/09 season and discussed some of his experiences with the program. He felt the program motivated him at school and at home. It also made him feel like he mattered.

Ms. Hagen explained that \$4,600 of the funding request is for professional transportation to the ski area from Robinswood. Participants must be drug/alcohol free and maintain a "C" grade average.

Ms. Stephens explained the history of the SOS program. Due to risk management requirements, professional transportation must be used for the program. Since Robinswood High School does not have an after school program, the SOS program is targeted specifically for Robinswood.

**Motion by Boardmember Mattson-Hamilton and second by Boardmember Zapertov to suspend normal funding rules and make a recommendation to vote on the SOS funding proposal. Motion carried unanimously (11-0).**

**Motion by Boardmember Jaswal and second by Boardmember Jiang to approve the SOS funding request of \$5,500 as presented. Motion carried (10-0) with one (1) abstention.**

***Item 7 continued:***

**STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

b. Bellevue Global Health presentation

Boardmembers would like a formalized Bellevue Global Health presentation made at the September Board meeting with clarification on the following items:

Provide a proposal with more structure.

Provide an outline of the program with specific guidelines.

Include information about the National Global Health organization.

Cite specific achievements desired.

Will the national organization accept an action team?

What is required from the Youth Link Board? How much time will need to be dedicated each month? How many people?

After the formal presentation, Boardmembers would like to make a decision on the proposal, rather than waiting until the October meeting for a decision.

**Motion by Boardmember Tokuno and second by Boardmember Zapertov to extend the meeting 10-15 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (11-0).**

***Continuation of other Study Session Items:***

Environmental Committee update

The plastic bag drive was a big success with approximately 1,100 bags collected. The blue City of Bellevue reusable bags were liked by students.

The committee extended their appreciation to Liz Stead for assisting at the event.

Evaluation Committee update

The Evaluation Committee has put the Youth Link evaluation on hold due to the current economic conditions.

Public Outreach & Marketing update

Ms. Stephens will work with the City Graphics Department to develop Youth Link logo options. The previously reviewed logos will be used as a starting point with the Graphics Department. A special meeting will be held with the Public Outreach & Marketing Committee to select a final Youth Link logo.

***Item 6 continued:***

**UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

Chair Comments

Co-chair Gurung informed Boardmembers that she will be ending her term in September. She encouraged Boardmembers to solicit additional adult members for the Board. An interim adult Co-chair will be selected at the September Board meeting.

Graduating Seniors' Recognition

Ms. Stephens distributed a token of appreciation to the graduating seniors (Boardmembers Tokuno, Khan, Zapertov, Jiang, and Li) and thanked them for their contributions to Youth Link.

Youth Link will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. All Youth Link members, past and present, are encouraged to participate in the celebration.

**10. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Youth Link Board will reconvene in September 2009.

**Motion by Boardmember Mattson-Hamilton and second by Boardmember Tokuno to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (11-0).**